

ALASKA TRIBAL-STATE FORUM ON SAFETY AND JUSTICE

***Aleutian and Pribilof Islands Region
September 25-26, 2008
Anchorage, Alaska***

REPORT



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Tribal-State Forum on Safety and Justice Agenda
BP Energy Center
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THURSDAY

- 8:15-8:30 *Registration*
- 8:30-8:45 *Welcome, Announcements and Introductions*
- 8:45-9:55 **Domestic Violence Basics and Survivor Services**
Melissa Emmal, Program Services Manager, Abused Women's Aid In Crisis
- Break (5 minutes)*
- 10:00 -10:55 **Alaska Native Justice Center**
Linda McLaughlin, Advocate Coordinator, Alaska Native Justice Center
- Break (10 minutes)*
- 11:05 -12:00 **Healing Our Spirits and Rebuilding Community**
Ole Lake, Alaska Native Family Systems, Anchorage
- 12:00-1:00 *Lunch*
- 1:00-2:00 **The Role of Law Enforcement and Mandatory Arrest in Domestic Violence**
Katie TePas, Program Coordinator, Alaska State Troopers
- Break (5 minutes)*
- 2:05 -3:05 **Protective Orders, Divorce and Child Custody**
Jenn King, Attorney, Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, Pro Bono Project
- Break (10 minutes)*
- 3:15-4:00 **Practical Skills For Victim Advocacy and Safety Planning**
Patti Bland, Director of Training, Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault and
Kathy Rudolph, Project Assistant Center for Human Development, UAA
- Break (5 minutes)*
- 4:05 – 5:00 **Advocacy and Safety Planning (continued)**

FRIDAY

- 8:15-8:30 *Registration*
- 8:30-9:30 **Domestic Violence Laws and Prosecutorial Decision-Making - Plead, Dismiss or Trial**
John Novak, Chief Assistant District Attorney, Anchorage District Attorney's Office
- Break (5 minutes)*
- 9:35-10:35 **The Role of the Courts in Protection Orders and Sentencing**
Superior Court Judge Fred Torrasi, Alaska Court System, Dillingham
- Break (10 minutes)*
- 10:45-11:45 **Victims' Rights and Victim/Witness Paralegals**
Francie Clay, Victim/Witness Paralegal, Anchorage District Attorney's Office
- 11:45-12:45 *Lunch*
- 12:45-1:45 **Tribal Jurisdictions and Tribal Courts**
Kevin Illingworth, JD, Professor, University of Alaska Fairbanks
- Break (5 minutes)*
- 1:50 – 2:20 **Legal Advocacy Review**
Jenn King, Attorney, Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, Pro Bono Project
- Break (10 minutes)*
- 2:30– 3:30 **Family Wellness Warrior Initiative**
Gene McConnell and Rick McCafferty, Family Wellness Warrior Initiative, Southcentral Foundation
- Break (5 minutes)*
- 3:35– 4:30 **Challenges and Solutions Work Session**
- 4:30- 4:50 **Challenges and Solutions Reports**
- 4:50-5:00 **Evaluations**

Participants



Aleutian and Pribilof Islands Region Participants

Twenty-six (26) participants attended the two-day training held at the BP Energy Center in Anchorage. Fourteen (14) participants traveled from seven (7) Aleutian and Pribilof Island communities and six (6) traveled from communities in other rural regions. Four (4) trainees live in or near Anchorage. The Council on Domestic Violence chairperson and a newly hired CDVSA Coordinator, both from Juneau, also attended the training.

Akutan (2)	Nelson Lagoon (1)
Anchorage (3)	Palmer (1)
Atka (1)	St. George Island (1)
Bethel (2)	St. Paul Island (3)
Emmonak (2)	Sand Point (2)
Juneau (2)	Unalaska (4)
Kotzebue (2)	

Participants included:

Government agency staff (5)

OCS – children’s services specialists (2), Court System DV Coordinator, CDVSA Chair, CDVSA Coordinator

Health professionals (1)

Community health practitioner

Law enforcement officers (5)

Police chief, VPSO (4)

Mental health professionals (1)

Tribal behavioral health program staff

Tribal government/Tribal government agency staff (7)

Family Programs Services/ICWA (3), Administrator/Tribal Clerk, Case Manager, DV Initiatives Coordinator, RDV/CV Program Coordinator (1)

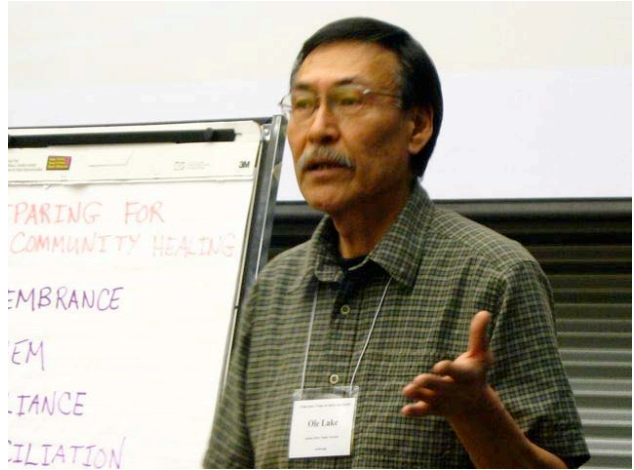
Victim advocates (7)

USAFV advocate, client services coordinator (2), Emmonak shelter director and victim advocate specialist (2) MFCC legal advocate and outreach advocate (2), AFS Crisis Intervention/Legal Advocate

Presentations



Melissa Emmal, Program Services Manager, Abused Women's Aid In Crisis (left) explains the basic dynamics of domestic violence and the services available to domestic violence survivors in Anchorage. Ole Lake of Alaska Native Family Systems (right) talks about how Alaska Natives can heal their spirits from the historical traumas of acculturation and from personal trauma and rebuild community in rural Alaska.



Dillingham Superior Court Judge Fred Torrisi (left) explains the role of the State court in civil actions such as protective orders, divorce and child custody and in sentencing in criminal cases. Katie TePas of the Alaska State Troopers (right) goes over state laws and definitions that relate to domestic violence, mandatory arrest policies and law enforcement response to domestic violence.



Jenn King, ANDVSA Pro-Bono Attorney (left) discusses legal advocacy for domestic violence survivors in civil actions. John Novak, Anchorage Chief Assistant District Attorney (right) explains how prosecutors make decisions affecting domestic violence criminal charges.



Kevin Illingworth, UAF Assistant Professor of Tribal Management (left) explains how tribes have the authority to address domestic violence through the development of tribal courts and ordinances. Francie Clay Victim Witness Paralegal (right) in the Anchorage District Attorney's Office tells the group about the rights of crime victims.



Patti Bland ANDVSA Director of Training (left) and Kathy Rudolph of the UAA Center for Human Development (right) help participants build practical safety planning and advocacy skills for victims, especially vulnerable adults who are elderly or have a disability.



Bobbi Donadio, Esther Grosdidier, Rick McCafferty and Gene McConnell (left to right) make a presentation on the Southcentral Foundation's Family Wellness Warrior Initiative and their activities to promote spiritual healing for Alaska Native individuals and communities.

Faculty and Staff

Seventeen (17) faculty and staff participated in or presented at the forum.

Patricia Bland, ANDVSA, Director of Training

Melissa Emmal, Abused Women's Aid In Crisis, Program Services Manager

Frances Clay, Anchorage Office of the District Attorney, Victim/Witness Paralegal

Bobbi Donadio, Southcentral Foundation, Family Wellness Warrior Initiative

Sherrie Goll, CDVSA, Project Coordinator

Jo Griggs, CDVSA, Business Manager

Esther Grosdidier, Southcentral Foundation, Family Wellness Warrior Initiative

Kevin Illingworth, UAA, Assistant Professor of Tribal Management

Kathy Rudolph, UAA Center for Human Development, Project Assistant

Jennifer King, ANDVSA, Pro-Bono Attorney

Ole Lake, Alaska Native Family Systems, Anchorage

John Novak, Chief Assistant District Attorney, Anchorage Office of the District Attorney

Rick McCafferty, Southcentral Foundation, Family Wellness Warrior Initiative

Gene McConnell, Southcentral Foundation, Family Wellness Warrior Initiative

Linda McLaughlin, Alaska Native Justice Center, Victim Advocate/Trainer

Katie TePas, Alaska State Troopers, Program Coordinator

Fred Torrisi, Alaska Court System, Superior Court Judge, Dillingham

Training Content Areas

Domestic Violence and Victim Advocacy

Abuse of vulnerable adults
Advocate response
Confidentiality and legal advocacy
Domestic violence overview, dynamics, services
Safety planning for victims/survivors
Sexual assault overview
Stalking overview

Justice System

Civil court procedures
Criminal court procedures
Decreasing dual arrests/ID of primary aggressor
Domestic violence statutes and codes
Law enforcement response
Judicial Response
Pro-arrest policies
Prosecution response
Protection orders (including full faith and credit)
Sexual assault statutes and codes
Stalking statutes and codes
Tribal jurisdiction and PL 280
Victims' Rights

Community Response

Prevention Strategies – Family Wellness Warrior Initiative

Underserved Populations

Issues specific to victims/survivors who:

- live in rural areas
- are Alaska Natives
- have substance abuse or mental health problems
- are elderly or have a disability